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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 0056848-000001 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IN2005/000027 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 20 January 2005 | U.S. APPLICATION No. (If known) 10/586739 |
| | | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 January 2004 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION SUTURE NEEDLE AND SUTURE ASSEMBLY | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Chalam MAHADEVAN | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Other items or information: Copy of Form PCT/IB/304 evidencing receipt of the certified copy of the priority document by the International Bureau; copy of International Search Report in English. The DO/EO/US is requested to obtain a copy of the certified copy from the International Bureau if such a copy has not yet been received by the DO/EO/US. Also, the enclosed inventors' declaration noted in box 9 above is a copy of Sheet No. 4, Box No. VIII (iv), of PCT/RO/101 for PCT/IN2005/000027. | | |

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| The following fees have been submitted: | | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) (1631) \$ 300 | | | | \$ 300 | |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) (1643) \$ 0 All other situations (1633) \$ 200 | | | | | |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) (1640) \$ 0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority (1641) \$ 100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB (1642) \$ 400 All other situations (1632) \$ 500 | | | | \$ 200 | |
| TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 = | | | | \$ 900 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specifications and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$ 250 (1681) for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | | RATE | |
| 20 | -100 = | 0 | /50 = | 0 | x \$ 250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surcharge of \$ 130 (1617) for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)). | | | | \$ 0 | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | | RATE | |
| Total claims | 18 | - 20 = | 0 | x \$ 50 (1615) | \$ 0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - 3 = | 0 | x \$ 200 (1614) | \$ 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | + \$ 360 (1616) | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ 900 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2 | | | | 450 | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$ 450 | |
| Processing fee of \$ 130 (1618) for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). | | | | + 0 | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$ 450 | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$ 40 per property | | | | + 0 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$ 450 | |
| | | | | Amount to be refunded: | \$ |
| | | | | Amount to be charged: | \$ |

- a. A check in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- d. Charge \$ 450 to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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